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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EG PORG PLO
SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN LEFT ON FURTHER PLO TERRORISM

1. AT MARCH 29 RECEPTION LEFTIST JOURNALIST LUTFI AL-KHULI TOLD PAO THAT PLO PLANNING ANOTHER TERRORIST ACT WITHIN ISRAEL IN NEAR FUTURE. CLAIMED PLO WISHES DEMONSTRATE THAT IT HAS SUPPORT INSIDE COUNTRY AND THAT INVASION SOUTHERN LEBANON CAN NOT PREVENT INCIDENTS. ACCORDING AL-KHULI, PLO WILL ATTEMPT CARRY OUT NEXT RAID WHILE IDF STILL IN LEBANON TO DEMONSTRATE ITS CAPABILITIES. AL-KHULI CLAIMED PLO REFRAINED FROM TERRORIST ACTS IN ISRAEL FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR HOPING THEREBY TO INITIATE DIALOGUE WITH USG. IN VIEW USG UNWILLINGNESS ESTABLISH THIS, PLO REPORTEDLY HAS CONCLUDED ONLY WAY OF ATTRACTING ATTENTION IS THROUGH ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

2. COMMENT: WE DO NOT THINK AL-KHULI, OR LOCAL PLO
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REPS, ENJOY ACCESS TO PLO OPERATIONAL PLANNING BUT IT INTERESTING THAT SUCH WARNINGS ARE CONSISTENTLY BEING PEDDLED BY LEFTISTS, WHO ALSO PORTRAY PLO ACTION IN SOUTH LEBANON AS "GREAT SUCCESS." APPEAL FOR USG TO INITIATE DIRECT CONVERSATIONS WITH PLO AS MEANS OF MODERATING ITS LEADERSHIP CONTINUES TO COME NOT JUST FROM LEFTISTS.
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